

United States Senate  
February 3, 2014

Courtney R. Avery  
Administrator  
Health Facilities & Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson  
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Ms. Avery:

As a United States Senator, one of my commitments has been to listen and to work with healthcare providers throughout Illinois who face numerous challenges in providing access and quality healthcare to citizens within their communities.

Southern Illinois Healthcare has played an integral role in meeting that challenge and improving the quality of care to residents within southern Illinois. Within my first term, I visited their facilities and met with the dedicated staff of this prominent health system. I am proud to have several of their officers and physicians serving on my Central and Southern Healthcare Advisory Board and sharing their input on certain healthcare concerns.

Southern Illinois Healthcare's continued growth and expansion is essential to the region. I am pleased to encourage their ongoing efforts and dedication to provide the highest possible quality of care to the people of southern Illinois.

I ask that you give their request your full consideration. Thank you in advance for your time and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark Kirk". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" being more prominent than the last name "Kirk".

Mark Kirk  
United States Senator